

Supreme Court
2021 Annual Report
Annual Caseload Report

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Supreme Court Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

Filings

Notice Of Appeal - A review of a trial court decision in these select circumstances: review is authorized statutorily; an issue of constitutionality is involved; conflicting appellate decisions are at issue; questions of public importance are raised; or, the death penalty was decreed. Notices of appeal directly following a judgment in a superior court as a matter of right must be filed within 30 days. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Cases opened on notice of appeal can reach the Supreme Court by these means: direct appeal from trial court; certification by the Court of Appeals; granting of a motion to transfer an appeal from the Court of Appeals; or an administrative transfer initiated by the Supreme Court to relieve pressure on the Court of Appeals or because a similar case is already being heard by the Supreme Court.

Petitions For Review

- A review of any Court of Appeals' decision terminating review. The Supreme Court only accepts reviews of decisions that conflict with other Supreme Court or Court of Appeals' decisions, that involve a significant question of law under the federal or state constitution, or that concern "an issue of substantial public interest..." (Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 13.4).

Other Reviews

- The five following categories are grouped under the title "Other Reviews": personal restraint petitions, discretionary reviews, original actions against state officers, petitions for expenditures of public funds, and reviews certified from federal court.

Personal Restraint Petition

- A petition to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement. The Supreme Court normally exercises its jurisdiction over such petitions by transferring them to the Court of Appeals (RAP 16.5).

Discretionary Review

- A review of interlocutory orders of the superior court. Reviews made prior to a final determination of the case, in which a party argues that the trial court has committed an error pursuant to RAP 2.3(b). Discretionary reviews are in the purview of the Supreme Court under most of the same conditions that apply for notices of appeal. The Supreme Court may be requested by motion for discretionary review, to review interlocutory Court of Appeals' decisions, and decisions on personal restraint petitions.

Actions Against State Officers -

Both the Supreme Court and the superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction over a petition against a state officer in the nature of quo warranto, prohibition, and mandamus (RAP 16.2), generally preventing a continued exercise of authority unlawfully asserted.

Petitions For Expenditures Of Public Funds

- Petitions for expenditure from the indigent defense fund (RAP 15.2).

Certified From Federal Court

- Reviews certified to determine a question of state law which does not involve a question determined by reference to the United States Constitution (RAP 16.16).

Dispositions

Cases are considered officially disposed in the Supreme Court as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the Supreme Court Clerk.

Opinions

- Those cases which were reviewed by the Court and had an opinion written.

Motion On The Merits

- Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

Dismissed

- An order, issued by the Court, dismissing the review prior to a determination of the merits. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The Court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review if the review is frivolous, moot, or solely for the purpose of delay. Also, the Court may dismiss reviews for want of prosecution or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred To Court Of Appeals

- To promote the orderly administration of justice, the Supreme Court may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case to the Court of Appeals.

Review Not Accepted

- Reviews disposed through this manner are not accepted because they fail to meet the requirements of review stated in Rule 2 and Rule 13 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. These requirements are summarized in the above glossary definitions for each review type.

Terminated

- An order issued by the Court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

Pending

Case Stayed - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the Court.

Ready For Setting

- Those cases within the stages of perfection which have at minimum had the briefs filed but have yet to be set on the Court calendar for review.

Not Ready For Setting

- Those cases within the stages of perfection which are ready for consideration but have yet to file further pleadings.

Set For Motion On The Merits

- Those cases which have been set on the motion on the merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

Set For Oral Argument

- Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for review.

Opinion/Order In Process

- Those cases which have been reviewed by the Court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A decision is mandated by the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a written notification of the Court's decision to the originating court and the parties involved.

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Court Activity by Source of Review - 2021 Annual Report

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
FILINGS						
Total Filings	114	898	91	64	6	1,173
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	14	50	3	1	2	70
Opinion Terminating Review	14	50	3	1	2	70
Dismissed	0	3	0	0	0	3
Transferred/Certified	8	0	1	0	0	9
Review Not Accepted	0	68	0	0	0	68
Other Terminations	76	459	30	0	0	565
Order Terminating Review	84	530	31	0	0	645
Dismissed	9	43	3	0	0	55
Transferred/Certified	2	0	0	0	0	2
Review Not Accepted	7	282	2	0	0	291
Other Terminations	5	10	3	0	0	18
Ruling Terminating Review	23	335	8	0	0	366
Other Terminations	0	0	0	63	0	63
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	0	0	63	0	63
Total Resolved	121	915	42	64	2	1,144
PENDING AT YEAR END						

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review".

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	Trial Courts	Court of Appeals	Original Actions	WSBA / CJC	Certified Issues	Total
Cases Stayed	1	12	0	2	0	15
Cases Ready	1	1	1	0	3	6
Cases Not Ready	14	70	2	4	0	90
Set for Motion Calendar	12	204	6	0	0	222
Set for Oral Argument	2	19	0	2	2	25
Total Awaiting Hearing	30	306	9	8	5	358
Opinion/Order in Process	4	19	0	2	1	26
Total Pending Decision	34	325	9	10	6	384
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	19	55	3	0	2	79
Order Terminating Review	84	533	32	0	1	650
Ruling Terminating Review	22	359	7	0	0	388
Other Decision Terminating Review	13	40	49	63	0	165
Total Mandated	138	987	91	63	3	1,282

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1	31	32	2	16	18	0	64	114
RESOLUTIONS									
Opinions Published	0	10	10	1	3	4	0	0	14
Opinion Terminating Review	0	10	10	1	3	4	0	0	14
Transferred/Certified	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Other Terminations	0	3	3	1	1	2	0	71	76
Order Terminating Review	0	11	11	1	1	2	0	71	84
Dismissed	1	3	4	0	2	2	0	3	9
Transferred/Certified	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	1	6	7	0	0	7
Other Terminations	0	2	2	1	2	3	0	0	5
Ruling Terminating Review	2	5	7	3	10	13	0	3	23
Total Resolved	2	26	28	5	14	19	0	74	121
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	0	9	9	0	4	4	0	1	14
Set for Motion Calendar	0	6	6	0	1	1	0	5	12
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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	----- Appeals -----			----- Discretionary Review -----			Death Penalty Review	Exp Public Funds (1)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total			
Total Awaiting Hearing	0	16	16	1	7	8	0	6	30
Opinion/Order in Process	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	4
Total Pending Decision	0	19	19	1	8	9	0	6	34
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	0	13	13	2	4	6	0	0	19
Order Terminating Review	0	11	11	1	1	2	0	71	84
Ruling Terminating Review	2	5	7	4	8	12	0	3	22
Other Decision Terminating Review	1	7	8	1	0	1	0	4	13
Total Mandated	3	36	39	8	13	21	0	78	138

(1) Expenditure of Public Funds.

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	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
FILINGS										
Total Filings	319	227	546	25	86	111	241	0	0	898
RESOLUTIONS										
Opinions Published	20	17	37	3	3	6	4	1	2	50
Opinion Terminating Review	20	17	37	3	3	6	4	1	2	50
Dismissed	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Review Not Accepted	35	22	57	1	1	2	8	0	1	68
Other Terminations	273	164	437	2	20	22	0	0	0	459
Order Terminating Review	310	187	497	3	21	24	8	0	1	530
Dismissed	6	8	14	1	3	4	25	0	0	43
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0	26	41	67	215	0	0	282
Other Terminations	0	1	1	3	3	6	2	0	1	10
Ruling Terminating Review	6	9	15	30	47	77	242	0	1	335
Total Resolved	336	213	549	36	71	107	254	1	4	915
PENDING AT YEAR END										
Cases Stayed	4	0	4	0	1	1	7	0	0	12
Cases Ready	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Not Ready	3	7	10	1	0	1	59	0	0	70
Set for Motion Calendar	98	76	174	1	21	22	7	0	1	204

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	Petition for Review			Motions for Discretionary Review			Discretionary Review - PRP	Certifications	Transfers (Party Motions)	Total
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total				
Set for Oral Argument	8	6	14	0	3	3	2	0	0	19
Total Awaiting Hearing	113	89	202	2	26	28	75	0	1	306
Opinion/Order in Process	11	5	16	0	1	1	2	0	0	19
Total Pending Decision	124	94	218	2	27	29	77	0	1	325
MANDATED										
Opinion Terminating Review	21	18	39	3	4	7	5	2	2	55
Order Terminating Review	310	190	500	3	21	24	8	0	1	533
Ruling Terminating Review	7	8	15	25	49	74	270	0	0	359
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	5	10	0	22	22	7	0	1	40
Total Mandated	343	221	564	31	96	127	290	2	4	987

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
FILINGS						
Total Filings	14	47	0	30	91	6
RESOLUTIONS						
Opinions Published	2	0	0	1	3	2
Total Opinions	2	0	0	1	3	2
Transferred/Certified	0	1	0	0	1	0
Other Terminations	4	0	0	26	30	0
Total Orders	4	1	0	26	31	0
Dismissed	2	0	0	1	3	0
Review Not Accepted	2	0	0	0	2	0
Other Terminations	3	0	0	0	3	0
Total Rulings	7	0	0	1	8	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resolved	13	1	0	28	42	2
PENDING AT YEAR END						
Cases Ready	1	0	0	0	1	3
Cases Not Ready	2	0	0	0	2	0
Set for Motion Calendar	1	0	0	5	6	0
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	0	2

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	Actions Against	Personal Restraints	Death Penalty PRP	Miscellaneous Reviews	Total	Certified from Federal Court
Total Awaiting Hearing	4	0	0	5	9	5
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Pending Decision	4	0	0	5	9	6
MANDATED						
Opinion Terminating Review	2	0	0	1	3	2
Order Terminating Review	5	1	0	26	32	1
Ruling Terminating Review	6	0	0	1	7	0
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	48	0	1	49	0
Total Mandated	13	49	0	29	91	3

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	----- Washington State Bar Association -----						Commission on Judicial Conduct				
	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
FILINGS											
Total Filings	1	6	1	0	4	51	63	1	0	1	64
RESOLUTIONS (1)											
Opinions	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Opinion	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Terminations	0	6	0	0	3	54	63	0	0	0	63
Total Others	0	6	0	0	3	54	63	0	0	0	63
Total Resolved	0	6	1	0	3	54	64	0	0	0	64
PENDING AT YEAR END											
Cases Stayed	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Cases Not Ready	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	4
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Opinion/Order in Process	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Total Awaiting Hearing	1	0	1	0	2	5	9	1	0	1	10
Opinion/Order in Process	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Total Pending Decision	1	0	1	0	2	5	9	1	0	1	10
MANDATED											
Opinion Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Order Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruling Terminating Review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(1) WSBA/CJC cases that were decided in previous years are recorded as disposed. Those dispositions are included in "Other Decisions Terminating Review."

(2) Includes Notice of Discipline, Stipulation and Reciprocal Discipline, Disability Inactive Status Appeal, Transfer to Disability Inactive Status, Financial and Miscellaneous Non-Discipline.

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----- Washington State Bar Association -----

Commission on Judicial Conduct

	Admission Appeals	Admission Petition	Disciplinary Appeals	Disciplinary Discretionary Review	Disciplinary Show Cause	Other (2)	Total WSBA	Disciplinary Disability Appeals	Disciplinary Disability Discretionary Review	Total CJC	Total
Other Decision Terminating Review	0	6	0	0	3	54	63	0	0	0	63
Total Mandated	0	6	0	0	3	54	63	0	0	0	63

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History of Filings - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	1	5	. %	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Civil Appeals	50	39	-22 %	28	. %	38	. %	31	-18.4 %
TOTAL Appeals	51	44	-13.7 %	30	. %	40	. %	32	-20 %
Direct Discretionary Review	26	22	. %	18	. %	29	. %	18	. %
Expenditure of Public Funds	68	83	22.1 %	69	-16.9 %	69	0 %	64	-7.2 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	145	149	2.8 %	117	-21.5 %	138	17.9 %	114	-17.4 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	338	388	14.8 %	349	-10.1 %	365	4.6 %	319	-12.6 %
Civil	264	230	-12.9 %	276	20 %	221	-19.9 %	227	2.7 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	602	618	2.7 %	625	1.1 %	586	-6.2 %	546	-6.8 %
Motion for Discr. Review	155	135	-12.9 %	174	28.9 %	154	-11.5 %	111	-27.9 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	287	279	-2.8 %	294	5.4 %	318	8.2 %	241	-24.2 %
Certifications/Transfers	3	6	. %	7	. %	2	. %	0	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	1,047	1,038	-0.9 %	1,100	6 %	1,060	-3.6 %	898	-15.3 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	117	106	-9.4 %	93	-12.3 %	113	21.5 %	97	-14.2 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	105	109	3.8 %	89	-18.3 %	64	-28.1 %	64	0 %
TOTAL FILED	1,414	1,402	-0.8 %	1,399	-0.2 %	1,375	-1.7 %	1,173	-14.7 %

(1) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

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History of Resolutions - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
TRIAL COURTS									
Criminal Appeals	2	4	. %	3	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Civil Appeals	38	34	-10.5 %	39	14.7 %	27	. %	26	. %
TOTAL Appeals	40	38	-5 %	42	10.5 %	27	. %	28	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	32	21	. %	14	. %	25	. %	19	. %
Death Penalty Review	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	%	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	63	74	17.5 %	64	-13.5 %	58	-9.4 %	74	27.6 %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	135	135	0 %	120	-11.1 %	110	-8.3 %	121	10 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	361	374	3.6 %	362	-3.2 %	331	-8.6 %	336	1.5 %
Civil	276	251	-9.1 %	253	0.8 %	229	-9.5 %	213	-7 %
TOTAL Petition for Review	637	625	-1.9 %	615	-1.6 %	560	-8.9 %	549	-2 %
Motion for Discr. Review	177	110	-37.9 %	159	44.5 %	146	-8.2 %	107	-26.7 %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	392	251	-36 %	291	15.9 %	323	11 %	254	-21.4 %
Certifications/Transfers	6	3	. %	2	. %	4	. %	5	. %
TOTAL	1,212	989	-18.4 %	1,067	7.9 %	1,033	-3.2 %	915	-11.4 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	42	22	. %	37	. %	32	-13.5 %	44	37.5 %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	110	119	8.2 %	81	-31.9 %	71	-12.3 %	64	-9.9 %
TOTAL RESOLVED	1,499	1,265	-15.6 %	1,305	3.2 %	1,246	-4.5 %	1,144	-8.2 %

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History of Pending Cases - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
Criminal Appeals	0	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Civil Appeals	31	26	. %	19	. %	23	. %	19	. %
Total Appeals	31	29	. %	20	. %	25	. %	19	. %
Direct Discretionary Review	8	8	. %	10	. %	12	. %	9	. %
Death Penalty Review	3	0	. %	0	%	0	%	0	%
Expenditure of Public Funds	14	10	. %	10	. %	18	. %	6	. %
TOTAL -- TRIAL COURTS	56	47	-16.1 %	40	-14.9 %	55	37.5 %	34	-38.2 %
COURT OF APPEALS									
Criminal	132	138	4.5 %	120	-13 %	142	18.3 %	124	-12.7 %
Civil	111	90	-18.9 %	101	12.2 %	84	-16.8 %	94	11.9 %
Total Petition for Review	243	228	-6.2 %	221	-3.1 %	226	2.3 %	218	-3.5 %
Motion for Discr. Review	20	40	. %	50	25 %	42	-16 %	29	. %
Motion for Discr. Rvw of PRP	79	105	32.9 %	107	1.9 %	96	-10.3 %	77	-19.8 %
Certifications/Transfers	3	1	. %	6	. %	4	. %	1	. %
TOTAL -- COURT OF APPEALS	345	374	8.4 %	384	2.7 %	368	-4.2 %	325	-11.7 %
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND CERTIFIED FROM									
ORIGINAL ACTIONS AND FEDERAL COURT	10	12	. %	8	. %	8	. %	15	. %
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL									
WSBA AND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL	21	9	.%	14	.%	9	.%	10	.%
TOTAL PENDING	411	433	5.4 %	432	-0.2 %	431	-0.2 %	374	-13.2 %

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Court Activity Trends, All Reviews (1) - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,414	1,402	-8 %	1,399	-2 %	1,375	-1.7 %	1,173	-14.7 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	89	101	13.5 %	88	-12.9 %	69	-21.6 %	70	1.4 %
Dismissed	2	1	. %	7	. %	5	. %	3	. %
Transferred/Certified	27	15	. %	24	. %	13	. %	9	. %
Review Not Accepted	24	23	. %	25	. %	31	. %	68	119.4 %
Other Terminations	669	645	-3.6 %	633	-1.9 %	598	-5.5 %	565	-5.5 %
Total Orders	722	684	-5.3 %	689	.7 %	647	-6.1 %	645	-.3 %
Dismissed	31	21	. %	37	. %	25	. %	55	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	363	219	-39.7 %	312	42.5 %	418	34.0 %	291	-30.4 %
Other Terminations	186	126	-32.3 %	99	-21.4 %	17	. %	18	. %
Total Rulings	580	366	-36.9 %	448	22.4 %	460	2.7 %	366	-20.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	108	114	5.6 %	80	-29.8 %	70	-12.5 %	63	-10.0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,410	1,164	-17.4 %	1,217	4.6 %	1,177	-3.3 %	1,074	-8.8 %
Total Resolved	1,499	1,265	-15.6 %	1,305	3.2 %	1,246	-4.5 %	1,144	-8.2 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	17	14	. %	13	. %	30	. %	15	. %
Cases Ready	7	8	. %	9	. %	3	. %	6	. %
Cases Not Ready	238	166	-30.3 %	132	-20.5 %	114	-13.6 %	90	-21.1 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)
Set for Motion Calendar	100	206	106.0 %	242	17.5 %	245	1.2 %	222	-9.4 %
Set for Oral Argument	41	26	. %	24	. %	19	. %	25	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	403	420	4.2 %	420	.0 %	411	-2.1 %	358	-12.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	29	22	. %	26	. %	29	. %	26	. %
Total Pending Decision	432	442	2.3 %	446	.9 %	440	-1.3 %	384	-12.7 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	105	100	-4.8 %	91	-9.0 %	80	-12.1 %	79	-1.3 %
Order Terminating Review	722	688	-4.7 %	688	.0 %	644	-6.4 %	650	.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	551	415	-24.7 %	440	6.0 %	433	-1.6 %	388	-10.4 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	196	226	15.3 %	170	-24.8 %	192	12.9 %	165	-14.1 %
Total Mandated	1,574	1,429	-9.2 %	1,389	-2.8 %	1,349	-2.9 %	1,282	-5.0 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	145	149	2.8 %	117	-21.5 %	138	17.9 %	114	-17.4 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	12	10	. %	15	. %	11	. %	14	. %
Dismissed	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	24	15	. %	24	. %	13	. %	8	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	6	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	62	76	22.6 %	60	-21.1 %	61	1.7 %	76	24.6 %
Total Orders	86	92	7.0 %	91	-1.1 %	74	-18.7 %	84	13.5 %
Dismissed	21	14	. %	7	. %	8	. %	9	. %
Transferred/Certified	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	2	. %	11	. %	7	. %
Other Terminations	16	19	. %	5	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Total Rulings	37	33	-10.8 %	14	. %	25	. %	23	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	123	125	1.6 %	105	-16.0 %	99	-5.7 %	107	8.1 %
Total Resolved	135	135	.0 %	120	-11.1 %	110	-8.3 %	121	10.0 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Cases Ready	3	3	. %	6	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	21	23	. %	9	. %	12	. %	14	. %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
Set for Motion Calendar	23	14	. %	16	. %	29	. %	12	. %
Set for Oral Argument	3	4	. %	2	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	51	45	-11.8 %	34	-24.4 %	48	41.2 %	30	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	5	2	. %	6	. %	7	. %	4	. %
Total Pending Decision	56	47	-16.1 %	40	-14.9 %	55	37.5 %	34	-38.2 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	19	11	. %	14	. %	12	. %	19	. %
Order Terminating Review	87	91	4.6 %	92	1.1 %	74	-19.6 %	84	13.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	33	35	6.1 %	19	. %	21	. %	22	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	2	24	. %	5	. %	12	. %	13	. %
Total Mandated	141	161	14.2 %	130	-19.3 %	119	-8.5 %	138	16.0 %

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Court Activity Trends, Cases from Court of Appeals - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,047	1,038	-9 %	1,100	6.0 %	1,060	-3.6 %	898	-15.3 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	70	82	17.1 %	65	-20.7 %	54	-16.9 %	50	-7.4 %
Dismissed	2	0	. %	4	. %	5	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	24	22	. %	17	. %	30	. %	68	. %
Other Terminations	580	559	-3.6 %	558	-2 %	519	-7.0 %	459	-11.6 %
Total Orders	606	581	-4.1 %	579	-3 %	554	-4.3 %	530	-4.3 %
Dismissed	8	7	. %	26	. %	15	. %	43	. %
Review Not Accepted	363	218	-39.9 %	307	40.8 %	406	32.2 %	282	-30.5 %
Other Terminations	165	101	-38.8 %	90	-10.9 %	4	. %	10	. %
Total Rulings	536	326	-39.2 %	423	29.8 %	425	.5 %	335	-21.2 %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	1,142	907	-20.6 %	1,002	10.5 %	979	-2.3 %	865	-11.6 %
Total Resolved	1,212	989	-18.4 %	1,067	7.9 %	1,033	-3.2 %	915	-11.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	14	10	. %	9	. %	25	. %	12	. %
Cases Ready	4	3	. %	3	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	197	136	-31.0 %	110	-19.1 %	96	-12.7 %	70	-27.1 %
Set for Motion Calendar	75	186	148.0 %	223	19.9 %	212	-4.9 %	204	-3.8 %
Set for Oral Argument	33	19	. %	20	. %	14	. %	19	. %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
Total Awaiting Hearing	323	354	9.6 %	365	3.1 %	348	-4.7 %	306	-12.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	22	20	. %	19	. %	20	. %	19	. %
Total Pending Decision	345	374	8.4 %	384	2.7 %	368	-4.2 %	325	-11.7 %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	78	81	3.8 %	69	-14.8 %	62	-10.1 %	55	-11.3 %
Order Terminating Review	606	584	-3.6 %	577	-1.2 %	553	-4.2 %	533	-3.6 %
Ruling Terminating Review	509	373	-26.7 %	414	11.0 %	398	-3.9 %	359	-9.8 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	9	10	. %	22	. %	31	. %	40	29.0 %
Total Mandated	1,202	1,048	-12.8 %	1,082	3.2 %	1,044	-3.5 %	987	-5.5 %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	111	101	-9.0 %	88	-12.9 %	110	25.0 %	91	-17.3 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	1	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Dismissed	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Transferred/Certified	3	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	26	10	. %	14	. %	17	. %	30	. %
Total Orders	29	11	. %	17	. %	18	. %	31	. %
Dismissed	2	0	. %	4	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Other Terminations	5	6	. %	4	. %	7	. %	3	. %
Total Rulings	7	7	. %	11	. %	10	. %	8	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	36	18	. %	28	. %	28	. %	39	. %
Total Resolved	37	18	. %	29	. %	29	. %	42	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Cases Ready	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Cases Not Ready	3	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Set for Motion Calendar	2	6	. %	3	. %	4	. %	6	. %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (1)	2019	% Chg (1)	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)
Set for Oral Argument	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	6	7	. %	6	. %	6	. %	9	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	0	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	6	7	. %	6	. %	7	. %	9	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	2	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Order Terminating Review	29	12	. %	17	. %	17	. %	32	. %
Ruling Terminating Review	9	7	. %	7	. %	14	. %	7	. %
Other Decision Terminating Review	77	78	1.3 %	63	-19.2 %	79	25.4 %	49	-38.0 %
Total Mandated	117	97	-17.1 %	88	-9.3 %	111	26.1 %	91	-18.0 %

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Court Activity Trends, Cases from WSBA and Commission on Judicial Conduct (1) - 2017 to 2021

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	2017	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	105	109	3.8 %	89	-18.3 %	64	-28.1 %	64	.0 %
RESOLUTIONS									
Total Opinions	2	5	. %	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Rulings	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Decisions Term. Review	108	114	5.6 %	80	-29.8 %	70	-12.5 %	63	-10.0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other	108	114	5.6 %	81	-28.9 %	70	-13.6 %	63	-10.0 %
Total Resolved	110	119	8.2 %	81	-31.9 %	71	-12.3 %	64	-9.9 %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Cases Stayed	1	3	. %	3	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Cases Not Ready	17	6	. %	10	. %	5	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument	2	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	20	9	. %	14	. %	9	. %	8	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	1	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Total Pending Decision	21	9	. %	14	. %	9	. %	10	. %
MANDATED									
Opinion Terminating Review	3	3	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Order Terminating Review	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %

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	2017	2018	% Chg (2)	2019	% Chg (2)	2020	% Chg (2)	2021	% Chg (2)
Other Decision Terminating Review	108	114	5.6 %	80	-29.8 %	70	-12.5 %	63	-10.0 %
Total Mandated	111	117	5.4 %	83	-29.1 %	71	-14.5 %	63	%

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